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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91′ N lat, 131°19.04′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04′ N lat, 131°25.17′ W long to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91′ N lat (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed south and east of a line from Foggy Point Light at 54°55.45′ N lat, 130°58.65′ W long to Black Rock Light at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°03.55′ W long to the southernmost tip of Black Island at 55°07.91′ N lat, 131°04.85′ W long then due east to the mainland shore;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.74′ N lat.

#### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Windy Point at 55°13.10′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed;

Kendrick Bay: will be closed west of 131°59.00′ W long;

McLean Arm: will be closed west of 131°57.80′ W long;

<u>Moira Sound</u>: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35′ W long.

### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′ W long to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.10′ N lat, 132°44.78′ W long to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40′ N lat, 132°24.77′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.16′ N lat, 132°24.56′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Port Asumcion:</u> will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long;

<u>Portillo Channel</u>: will be closed north of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Amargura at 55°27.00′ N lat, 133°21.64′ W long to Arrecife Point at 55°27.07′ N lat, 133°25.75′ W long and south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to Point Delgada at 55°30.80′ N lat, 133°28.76′ W long.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

District 4: will be open.

#### District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

District 10: will be open within 3.0 nautical miles (nmi) of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Gambier Island Light at 57°26.13′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Gambier Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Gambier Island Light at 57°26.13' N lat;

Snug Cove: all waters will be closed;

Pybus Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Pybus at 57°18.43′ N lat.

### District 11

Section 11-A: will be closed.

#### District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 1.0 nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

Chichagof Island, Catherine Island, and Baranof Island shorelines: will be open within 2.0 nmi of the Chichagof Island, Catherine Island, Baranof Island shorelines, and the Section 13-C boundary, south of the latitude of East Point at 57°48.33′ N lat and north of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat including Tenakee Inlet east of 135°27.84′ W long (normal markers) with the following restriction:

<u>Kelp Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line from North Point at 57°17.61′ N lat, 134°49.89′ W long to South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat, 134°51.80′ W long.

Hidden Falls THA: will be open within approximately 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat, north of 57°06.76′ N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28′ N lat, 134°48.00′ W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76′N lat, 134°43.00′ W long with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay and waters of the THA outside Kasnyku Bay: will be closed south of 57°14.15' N lat and north of 57°11.10' N lat.

#### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2022:

Section 13-C: will be open east of 135°01.82′ W long with the following restriction:

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north and west of line from Point Craven at 57°27.95′ N lat, 134°52.18′ W long to Point Hayes at 57°28.83′ N lat, 134°50.33′ W long.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 24, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2022:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W long.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may **NOT** be retained in Districts **1, 2, 10, 12, and 13**. Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **MAY** be retained and sold in Districts 3 and 4. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) must be retained and may be sold. The differential Chinook salmon retention is due to the wild stock Chinook salmon run timing in the inside waters of Southeast Alaska.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

To date, 450 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 2,500 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and may take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

The 2022 forecasted run of summer chum salmon to Hidden Falls THA is 304,000 fish. NSRAA needs 150,000 chum salmon for broodstock. A test fishery conducted by NSRAA in the Hidden Falls THA and sampling of that harvest indicates that broodstock needs will likely be met. Additional seine openings will be dependent on daily observations and inseason run strength.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4322.

# Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Mid-week 30 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 22, 2022

	NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	
District 1	0	2,900	1,000	78,000	10,000	91,900	20	
District 2	0	2,100	1,600	85,000	120,000	208,700	42	
District 3	0	500	1,000	5,000	45,000	51,500	12	
District 4	0	26,000	3,700	210,000	31,000	270,700	18	
Point Augusta	0	500	100	150,000	12,000	162,600	9	
Amalga Harbor THA	0	1,600	40	1,500	86,000	89,140	27	
Total	0	33,600	7,440	529,500	304,000	874,540	128	

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	145	50	3,900	500	4,595	
District 2	0	50	38	2,024	2,857	4,969	
District 3	0	42	83	417	3,750	4,292	
District 4	0	1,444	206	11,667	1,722	15,039	
Point Augusta	0	56	11	16,667	1,333	18,067	
Amalga Harbor THA	0	59	1	56	3,185	3,301	

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 78,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay and Hidden Falls THAs harvest to date: confidential.

Section 13-B: confidential.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 870 Chinook and 26,200 chum salmon.

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